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**SUMMARY** 

Plaintiff, in pro se, Marlon Crump, a.k.a, "Mad Man Marlon" the moving party is a <u>former</u> licensed independent contractor for **STREET ROOTS**, a non-profit grassroots organization community-newspaper publication, based here in Portland, Oregon with a **501** (C) (3) tax-exempt status the defendant(s) mentioned herein this complaint to this court's jurisdiction.

Mr. Crump arrived to Portland, Oregon in the summer of August of 2011 from the Bay Area of San Francisco, California. Crump was a former reporter/journalist for another non-profit grassroots organization there called **POOR MAGAZINE/POOR NEWS NETWORK** in which also has a **501(C)(3)** tax-exempt he co-founded the organization's project with the co-founder of that organization, "Tiny" Lisa Gray-Garcia in 2007.

Mr. Crump arrived to Portland, Oregon homeless and lived on the street for a time period from August, 2011 till October of 2011. Afterwards, he lived in a men's shelter in Transition Projects until he was able to receive affordable housing as a Social Security recipient. Crump stayed in at the Musolf Manor, an affordable housing subsidy unit which is 30% of a potential client/tenant's resident's income for permanent housing.

Mr. Crump during this time period from leaving San Francisco, he joined Street Roots to sell newspapers as one of its vendors as an "independent licensed contractor."

Mr. Crump became a <u>very highly respected</u> community member of Portland, Oregon with impeccable and remarkable credentials, earning high verbal praise and immediately rose within the ranks of the organization. On occasion, Crump volunteered for Street Roots during its organization fundraising events, and was instrumental during certain

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projects such as "creative writing classes" and speaking to youth organizations who appealed to Street Roots towards its cause and mission statements.

On May, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Mr. Crump voluntarily left the organization citing "irreconcilable differences" within community. Afterwards, following his departure Mr. Crump voluntarily helped around the office and single-handedly kept it predominately a safe and secure environment from "outside disturbances".

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## street roots



**Mission**: Street Roots creates income opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and poverty by producing a newspaper and other media that are catalysts for individual and social change.

Job Announcement: Vendor Program Coordinator

Are you ready and excited to support 170 people experiencing homelessness and poverty to earn an income and get a hand-up selling Street Roots, an award-winning weekly newspaper?

We're seeking a motivated, independent, compassionate, team-oriented self-starter to manage daily front office interactions for our amazing team of vendors. Our Vendor Program Coordinator takes the lead in supporting and motivating Street Roots vendors, opens the vendor office five days per week (including weekends), and hosts a calm, safe space for more than 170 active vendors. You will help us maintain our current level of services while also helping us dream big, plan and implement for the future. Basic duties include selling the newspaper to vendors, maintaining vendor sales locations, badges and database; hosting biweekly orientations; overseeing office cleanliness and organization; managing the front desk (fielding calls and messages, distributing Rose City Resource guide, serving as an ambassador for our organization); and broadly supporting the well-being of vendors.

Read the full job description at www.streetroots.org/VendorCoordinatorJobMay2018

### Salary and Benefits Information:

- \$16/hour (35-40 hours/week) Working Saturdays and Sundays is required
- 100% coverage of health and dental insurance premiums
- Annual paid time off (vacation and holidays)

### Want to apply?

Email a resume and a brief cover letter to executive director Kaia Sand at kaia@streetroots.org by 5pm on **Thursday**, **May 31**, **2018**. Please write "vendor program coordinator" in the subject line.

In your cover letter, tell us how you heard about the position and respond to these questions:

Eller F. Rosenblum

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**EXHIBIT** 



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## DETAILS OF COMPLAINT (Attach additional pages if needed)

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523 S.W. 13th AVE Apt#212

Portland, OR 97205

Email:marliniumn1978@yahoo.com

Mobile:# (503) 995-3317

May 19th, 2018

Kaia Sand, executive director

Street Roots

211 Davis St.

Portland, OR 97209-3952

Office# (503) 228-5657

Dear Miss Kaia Sand,

My name is Marlon Crump. I am a Cleveland, Ohio native who lived in the Bay Area of San Francisco, California. I arrived here to Portland, Oregon in August of 2011. I recently learned of a position that will soon become available in your administrative office of Street Roots, the non-profit grassroots organization based here in Portland, as vendor coordinator.

This community-based organization has serviced the City of Portland with news pertaining to the struggles of peoples, families, cultures, on both local and global with street level news coverages reporting primarily on economic hardships.

Miss Sand, I have been a member of Street Roots since my arrival here in the City of Portland, as one of the now large vast number of 170 newspaper street vendors spread throughout this city from August, 2011 to May 11th, 2018.

At the time of my arrival, I was homeless.

I voluntarily left my near seven year tenure, as a vendor due to the rapidly growing differences between myself, and the community members I have serviced throughout that course period of time.

My experiences with Street Roots for such position I personally feel that it should stand without absolute doubt, and should stand to reason considering my relationship with everyone who have not only supported myself, but to devoted donors who have generously contributed towards the organization's successful growth for continuing community enhancement, and healing humanity.



Prior to my recruitment into the organization, I had similar experiences of community involvements with the following non-profit grassroots organization which have similar mission statements towards community growth.......with different approaches towards that community growth:

- .San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness
- .POOR Magazine/POOR News Network

I have very extensive and extraordinary experiences in writing, journalism, poetry, organization growth, organization structure, fundraising, volunteering, outreach, public relations, office handling, organizing, teaching, radio broadcasting, public speaking, social interaction, media, reporting, conflict resolution, legal advocacy, and even leadership.

For this particular position, I strive to be punctual, responsible, respectful, ambitious, and dedicated. My personality and characteristics are as follows:

- .witty
- .communicative
- .creative
- .thoughtful
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- .humorous
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- .no-nonsense
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I should note that for the record in receipt of this cover letter, Miss Sand, that I am featured in the 2012 vendor orientation training video collectively with other vendors in our testimonial experiences as to being a newspaper street vendor.

In addition, I was awarded the 2014 Street Roots Vendor of the Year in which many Street Roots staff, longtime supporters of my work, fellow vendors, city leaders including then Portland Mayor Charlie Hales and his wife, Nancy Hales were present.

If I am INDEED qualified for the position as vendor coordinator, Miss Sand, I can practically, and even personally guarantee the continued growth and success of the organization's mission statement.

Respectfully,

Marlon L. Crump

A.K.A "Mad Man Marlon.

Dated this May 19th Day of 2018.

### Marla Momper

From:

Marlon L. Crump <marliniumn1978@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 3:20 PM

To:

Marla Momper

Subject:

Fw: RESUME.....



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- > Subject: RESUME......
- > To: "Street Roots" <kaia@streetroots.org>
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- > PORTLAND, OR 97205
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- > .GRADE LEVEL:1ST
- > .YEARS ATTENDED: 1985-1986
- > .CLASSES: READING, SPELLING, WRITING, AND DRAWING
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- > .GRADE LEVELS-2ND-3RD
- > .YEARS ATTENDED: 1986-1988
- > .TEACHERS: NETTIE M.PITTS
- > .ACHIEVEMENTS: MERIT ROLL, HONOR ROLL, STUDENT LEADER, OUTSTANDING
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- > MODEL SHOW." .TEACHER: IDA B. JONES .GRADE LEVEL: 4TH
- > .CLASSES: ENGLISH, GRAMMAR,
- > LITERARY ART, READING, AND WRITING
- > .GRADE LEVEL: ENGLISH B, READING A+, SPELLING B, WRITING,
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- > .CLASSES:MATH, ENGLISH, GRAMMAR, WRITING, SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE,
- > HISTORY, WRITING, LITERARY ART
- > .TEACHERS: MRS. GASSER





October 14, 2014

Marlon Crump 216 NW 3rd Ave #230 Portland, OR 97209

Óear Marlon:

On behalf of everyone at Street Roots, thank you so much for your contribution at the Street Roots Family Breakfast. Your donation of \$2.00 on October 09, 2014 helped us surpass our goal and will go a long way towards helping our vendors.

With your generous donation Street Roots will realize its dream to become a weekly publication beginning this December. Going weekly will provide an increase in sales and income for the vendors, with most of their incomes more than doubling. This will also give vendors and readers a chance to connect more frequently. Over 70% of papers are sold the first week after publication, leaving limited human connections for vendors the second week.

This will also provide the community with an increase in the number of high quality news stories Street Roots is able to publish and allow the newspaper to be more responsive to events and news. Informing readers like you on a range of social justice issues in a more timely manner is one of our top priorities.

At Street Roots, every week counts. Thank you for being a part of the Street Roots Family.

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Sincerely,

Israel Bayer Director (503) 228-5657

israel@streetroots.org

Street Roots creates income opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and poverty by producing a newspaper and other media that are catalysts for individual and social change.

Thank you for your donation to Street Roots, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. In exchange for this donation, you received no goods or services. It may be tax-deductible. EIN: 93-1271399

Street Roots ● June 8-14, 2018

**EDITORIAL** 

### **Editorial**

## Separating children from asylum seekers unconscionable

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"t is outrageous that we have to declare in print that children should not be traumatized and discarded for political gain. But this abuse is exactly what our government is doing in

The contribution of immigrants to our country has always been a supporting pillar in our values as Americans. Today, we are facing an attack on

those fundamental values, one shrouded in political jargon but nonetheless following the playbook of isolationism, xenophobia and racism.

The Trump

administration has issued a "zero tolerance" policy on people trying to enter the United States, including those seeking asylum. Before this policy, people caught crossing the Mexican border illegally were detained and then sent back across the border. The new policy, announced by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, is that all illegal crossers, including asylum seekers, will be prosecuted by the Department of Homeland Security and charged with a felony, facing months in prison, while their children are sent to juvenile detention facilities. Reports say hundreds of children have been removed from their parent's

Human Services. In Sessions' words, "If you are smuggling a child, then we will prosecute you and that child will be separated from you as required by law. If you don't like that,

protection and placed in the hands of the Department of

then don't smuggle children over our border."

And just like that, people migrating from Latin America are labeled wholesale as felons and smugglers, better suited to the abject poverty and violence they "chose" to escape.

There's great political capital in that language, even before a single arrest. Organizations like the Center for Immigration Studies, the propaganda arm for the anti-immigrant movement, are firing up their members with this rhetoric. CIS has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center for repeated circulation of white supremacist, anti-Semitic and racist material. This is the channel people who demonize and scapegoat immigrants turn to, including the Federation for American Immigration Reform. FAIR is the national organization backing local efforts to repeal

this administration's selections. There are children waiting.

On Sunday, June 3, the personal impact of this policy was put into the spotlight as Oregon's U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley stood outside an immigrant detention facility in Brownsville, Texas, to decry the treatment of families seeking asylum in the United States. That experience, as he was denied entrance, has become a viral video online. During his trip, Merkley was allowed access to a processing facility - a firststop for immigrants detained managed by the Department of Homeland Security - and described the harsh conditions he saw there.

Over this past weekend, staffers with U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez, (D-N.J.), were also denied entrance to an immigrant detention facility in California, despite prior requests for access.

Trump blames an unspecified law created by

Democrats for the actions. However, Merkley and legal experts say there is no legal requirement that children be taken from their families. This is a strategy to keep people from Central and South America from entering the country, even for legal protection under U.S. law.

"It's a new policy not aimed at border security," Merkley said in a phone press conference on Tuesday. "It's a policy to punish and deter those people coming to the border illegally. But the South America, from application for assium is

> In lieu of constructive immigration reform, we've been given a policy to inflict pain on children as a means for blocking certain people, specifically people

from Central and South America, from seeking asylum in the United States.

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"It's morally bankrupt. It's wrong on every level," said Merkley. "You don't hurt children in order to influence the policy choices of their parents."

The New York Times reported in April that it has data showing more than 700 children have been taken from adults claiming to be their parents since October, including more than 100 children under the age of 4. The ACLU has filed a class-action lawsuit against federal immigration bureaus to stop the practice of separating children from their parents.

Merkley's been criticized for creating a publicity stunt. Regardless, he and Menendez make an important point that we shouldn't be kept in the dark about the human toll extracted by our immigration policies.

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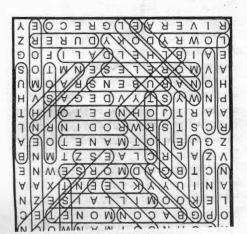
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### MNY 14-10, 20 Vendors

# **VENDOR PROFILE**Kris Beck

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Born in Seattle, Kris Beck grew up in the Scandinavian enclave known as Uffda in the city's Ballard neighborhood. "I was the only person of color in the area, I had no problem with that," she said. Since Kris moved to Portland, she's experienced a ramping up of racism and assault on the streets and in the shelter.

Kris feels things have gotten worse since Trump got elected. She believes being a person of color, homeless and small in stature has made her particularly vulnerable.

"I thank God for Street Roots and Rose Haven," Kris said. Street Roots is a safe place to come, and other vendors, guys, homeless people, stick up for me even on the streets. There's always going to be a predator, no matter what, in the working class.

Kris arrived in Portland looking for a



situation in Seattle. But when her ID and all of her belongings, including her field journal full of writings and drawings, Kinc and phone, were stolen soon after her arrival, she's started having a tough time. "I've never been without a job, I can't star being out of work," she said. "Street Root has kept me sane while I sent away for my ID and looked for work."

Recently things have been improving fo Kris. After applying for five positions at Work Source, she was hired on at the Washington Park Zoo as a member of the grounds crew. She is excited to begin working soon.

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### FLOWER POWER

Vendors handed out roses and lilies to celebrate marchers in Tuesday's May Day Parade, thanks to a donation from

